

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 9, 2015**



The meeting of November 9, 2015 was held at 10:00 a.m. at the Los Angeles County Arts Commission, 1055 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90017.

Present: Pamela Bright-Moon  
Helen Hernandez  
Constance Jolcuvar  
Peter Lesnik  
Claudia Margolis  
Kathryn McDonnell  
Alis Clausen Odenthal  
Claire Peeps  
Norma Provencio Pichardo  
Araceli Ruano  
Hope Warschaw  
Rosalind Wyman

Absent: Betty Haagen (excused)  
Eric Hanks (excused)  
Bettina Korek (excused)

Staff Present: Laura Zucker, Executive Director  
Miriam Gonzalez, Executive Assistant  
Adam Davis, Managing Director of Productions  
Heather Rigby, General Manager  
Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications  
Denise Grande, Director of Arts Education  
Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development  
Talia Gibas, Professional Development Programs Manager  
Bronwyn Mauldin, Director of Research and Evaluation

President Peeps called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Absentee Excuses

*Roll was taken and on a motion by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, the excused absences for the meeting of November 9, 2015 were unanimously approved.*

Approval of Minutes

*Following discussion, on a motion made by Commissioner Lesnik and seconded by Commissioner Jolcuvar, the minutes for the meeting of October 5, 2015 were unanimously approved.*

Correspondence

President Peeps circulated letters from the LA Opera and P.S. Arts thanking the Board of Supervisors and the Arts Commission for grants received for FY 2015-16.

Presidents Items

President Peeps welcomed Norma Provencio Pichardo, the newest Commissioner appointed to the Arts Commission by Supervisor Solis on October 13, 2015.

President Peeps reported the Annual Grantee Reception was held on October 27, 2015 and thanked the Commissioners who attended.

President Peeps announced the Communications Committee will be chaired by Commissioner Jolcuvar and that the members are Commissioners Ruano, Warschaw, McDonnell and Clausen Odenthal.

#### Executive Director

Laura Zucker, Executive Director, distributed a list of names of the 82 applicants for the Community Impact Arts Grant.

Bronwyn Mauldin, Director of Research and Evaluation, gave a presentation and distributed a preview copy of the report, "*Volunteers in Nonprofit Arts Organizations in LA County*." In conjunction with the launch of the report, the Arts Commission will host a Volunteer Forum on December 1, 2015 at Lineage Dance in Pasadena.

Commissioner Hernandez updated the Commissioners on the LA County Board of Supervisors Arts Diversity Motion scheduled for the board meeting on November 10, 2015 ([attached](#)). Commissioners discussed the motion.

#### 2015 Ford Season Report

Adam Davis, Managing Director of the Ford Theatres, gave a brief summary the 2015 Ford Season report ([attached](#)) and shared a few highlights from the report.

Mr. Davis, Heather Rigby, General Manager of the Ford Theatres, and Leticia Buckley, Director of Communications, distributed a draft copy of a new mission statement for the Ford Theatres. Commissioners reviewed the document and provided comments.

#### Approval of 2016-17 Panel Pool

Anji Gaspar-Milanovic, Director of Grants and Professional Development, gave an overview of the pool of prospective panelists and asked Commissioners to review the list of 12 additional nominations received since the last commission meeting.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Clausen Odenthal, seconded by Commissioner Lesnik, to approve the 2016-17 Organizational Grant Program, Civic Art, and Community Impact Arts Grant panel pools as presented and authorize the staff to make any necessary changes to the list as may be required. The motion carried unanimously.*

Commissioner Ruano requested that staff begin tracking the year panelists were introduced to the list, as well as the times they were asked to serve but were not available.

#### Arts Internship Report

Talia Gibas, Professional Development Program Manager, presented the 2015 Arts Internship Program final report, shared photos from the Internship Arts Summit, and gave an overview of some of the program's highlights ([attached](#)).

#### Arts Education Report

This item was held for the December 7, 2015 Commission meeting.

Commissioner Items

None.

Public Comment

None.

*The Arts Commission meeting of November 9, 2015 was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. on motion by Commissioner Lesnik, seconded by Commission Jolcuvar, and unanimously approved.*